

Pitzer Ranch, Pumphouse
240 Feet West of Padua Avenue at Base Line Road
City of Claremont
Los Angeles County
California

HABS No. CA-2267-E

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STATE California	COUNTY Los Angeles	TOWN OR VICINITY City of Claremont
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Pitzer Ranch, Pumphouse		HABS NO. CA-2267-E
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Becket-Pitzer Pumphouse		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) South side of the 900 block of Base Line Road. Approximately 240 feet west of the intersection of Base Line Road and Padua Avenue in the City of Claremont, Los Angeles County, California.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1913 (Robert Pitzer)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not known.	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Refer to Supplemental Page.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Mission-influenced.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Foundation: Uncut native fieldstone and mortar. Roof: corrugated metal Floor: Dirt and cement.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Refer to Floor Plans.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Refer to Supplemental Page.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Refer to Pumphouse Floor Plans.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Minor changes to the interior of the structure may have occurred through the introduction of electricity and new equipment. No significant alterations were observed.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Walls and Foundation: Fair to good. Roof: Fair to poor.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The Pitzer Ranch Complex HABS recordation was a mitigation measure for the Base Line Road/Padua Avenue Environmental Assessment to allow for the widening and improvement of Padua Avenue.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Refer to Narrative Report.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Dana C. Privitt, Sanchez Talarico Associates, Inc.		DATE August 17, 1987

PITZER RANCH, PUMPHOUSE

SIGNIFICANCE

The pumphouse is part of the Pitzer Ranch Complex consisting of the main house, water tower, shed, stone barn, concrete reservoir, and secondary house on Padua Avenue and the Pitzer House, stone garage, and stone wall on Towne Avenue. The Pitzer Ranch Complex is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The original owner of the land and structures was James Becket. Becket owned most of the water rights in the area (The Consolidated Water Company) and orchards throughout the area. Water rights were claimed on a first-come-first-served basis.

Lee Pitzer married James Becket's daughter on January 1, 1901 and subsequently took ownership of the property and structures of the Pitzer Ranch Complex on Padua Avenue in approximately 1910. Lee Pitzer expanded the development of citrus orchards in the area. Pitzer was the first to grow lemons along Base Line Road. Lee Pitzer was the brother of Russell Pitzer, founder of Pitzer College in Claremont, California.

The pumphouse is one of three remaining Mission-influenced fieldstone pumphouses in the City of Claremont. It was constructed under the direction of Lee Pitzer in order to irrigate an approximately 80 acre lemon grove. The pumphouse is constructed of native uncut fieldstone and mortar. The roof is of corrugated metal and wood. The structure represents a high level of craftsmanship unique to utilitarian buildings including arched fieldstone lintels and a Mission-influenced parapet on a gable roof. Fieldstone was used as a building material due to its availability and a need to clear fields of fieldstones for agricultural use.

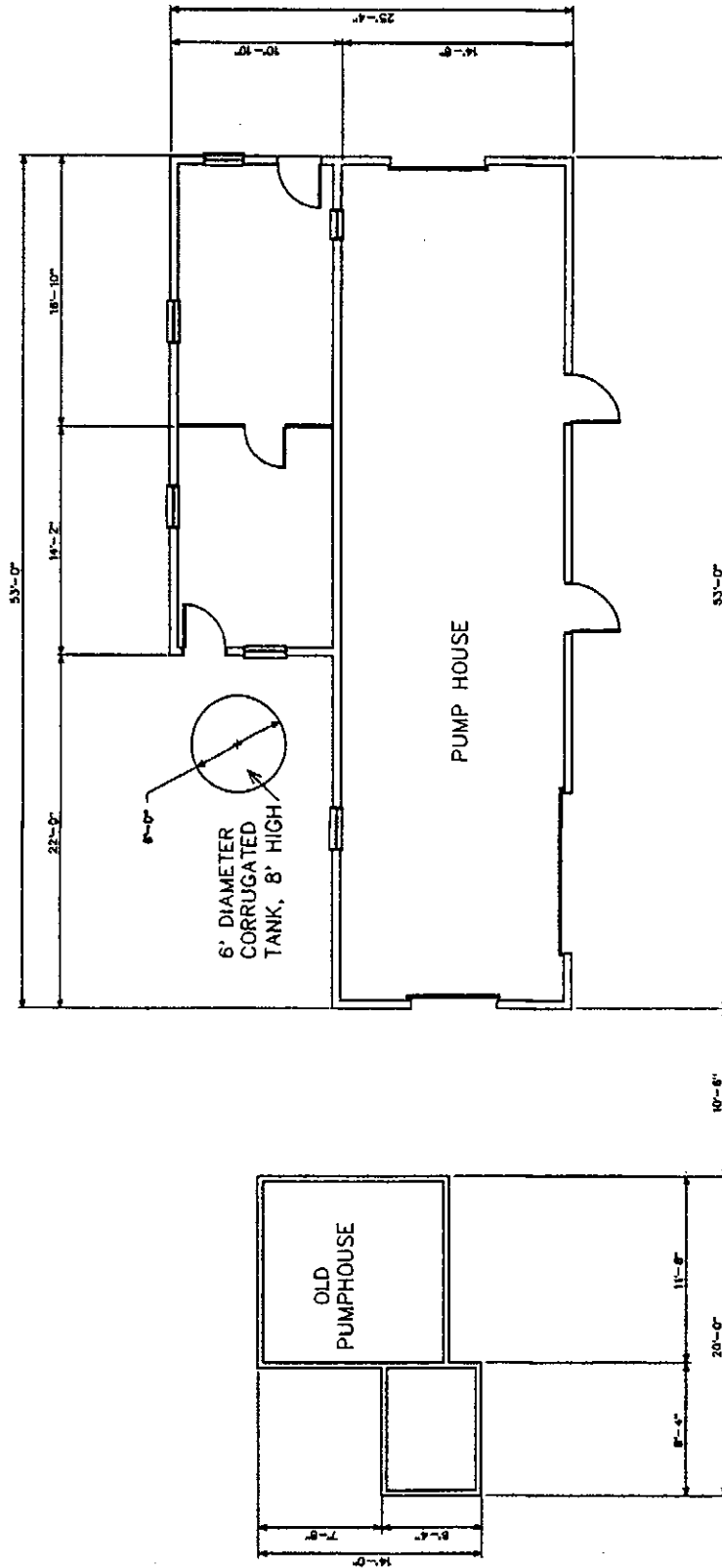
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE

The Becket-Pitzer Pumphouse is a one-story structure constructed of uncut native fieldstone mortar, and corrugated metal. The structure is 1-1/2 units deep. The walls of the pumphouse are of uncut fieldstone. The gable ends reflect simple Mission-influenced architecture. The eve walls are plain, constructed of fieldstone with openings for doors and windows. The door and window openings have arched and straight fieldstone lintels. The windows are six-over-six double hung. Most of the windows are missing and have been boarded up.

There is a sliding wood door located on the east corner of the northern facade. It is constructed of vertical wood members. There is a door on both gable ends. They are double wood unframed doors. There are also paneled wood doors at either end of the half-unit structure extension.

The pumphouse roof is a medium pitch side gable roof. It is constructed of corrugated metal. The roof is a lower pitched half gable roof over the half-unit extension.

An associated corrugated metal covered tank is located to the south of the pumphouse. It is not historic or considered significant.



Source: Sanchez Talarico Associates, Inc.

BECKET-PITZER PUMPHOUSE & WATER TOWER FLOOR PLAN

PITZER RANCH COMPLEX
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